

Weather Forecast

Rain, temperature near 38 this afternoon. Rain again tonight and tomorrow. Low about 34 tonight.

Temperatures today—High, 38, at noon; low, 31, at 2:26 a.m. Yesterday—High, 33, at 11:30 p.m.; low, 27, at 11:50 a.m.

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Republicans Set To Halt Bilbo at Senate Door

Will Try to Force Him To Step Aside Until Full Debate Is Held

By Robert K. Walsh

The Republican Senate Steering Committee recommended today to the full GOP membership today that Senator Bilbo, Democrat, of Mississippi, be barred from taking his seat when the Senate convenes tomorrow, and that a full discussion of the Bilbo case be held later by the Senators.

This amounts to a move to have Senator Bilbo stand aside and allow the swearing in of all other Senators tomorrow, Chairman Taft of the Steering Committee explained. If Senator Bilbo refuses to be "stopped at the door" in this manner, Senator Taft said, the Republicans will press for passage of a resolution forcing him to stand aside.

Senator Taft explained that the exact procedure has not yet been worked out. It may consist of an informal arrangement which would not necessitate introduction of a motion, he said. Or it may be done in the form of a resolution to be introduced by Senator White of Maine, the new majority leader.

Move Called Nonpartisan. The committee's recommendation will be laid before the full Republican membership at a meeting this afternoon.

Senator Taft denied that the decision to have Senator Bilbo stand aside tomorrow is an attempt to assure an overwhelming Republican majority or to block a filibuster effort which might delay Republican organization of the Senate on the opening day.

"To a large extent, this is a non-partisan matter," Senator Taft continued. "It does not make any difference as to the number of votes in the Senate at any particular time."

He disclosed that he has discussed the situation with Senator Barkley of Kentucky, the Democratic leader, and added that he made no agreement with the Democrats, but that "there might be one."

Other members of the Steering Committee indicated a belief that at least several of the Democrats would side with the Republicans, even on a motion to prevent Senator Bilbo from taking the oath. According to the present lineup, there would be 31 Democrats and 29 Republicans sworn in when Senator Bilbo steps up to take the oath.

Full Discussion Expected. The Republicans said they will bring the Bilbo matter to the Senate floor for full discussion, if necessary. This may be done tomorrow, although it probably will be deferred until after Congress hears the President's annual message Monday.

Such a discussion would be handled on the Senate floor by Senator Ferguson, Republican, of Michigan who served on the Senate War Investigating Subcommittee which today denounced Senator Bilbo as having used his office for personal gain in dealings with war contractors.

The discussion in the Senate, according to the Steering Committee's recommendation, would not be confined to charges concerning those activities of Senator Bilbo. Senator Taft said the question of complaints that Senator Bilbo incited racial discrimination also would enter into the matter.

"We simply decided to recommend to the Republican conference this afternoon that Senator Bilbo be barred from his seat until further discussion in the Senate on a date to be fixed very shortly," Senator Taft announced. "This will give more time to debate his right to a seat and his right to be sworn in. The whole thing will be debated and this gives all the Senators an opportunity to read the reports of the committees which investigated Senator Bilbo."

Senator Bilbo quickly disputed the War Investigating Committee's conclusions and said he was "clearly" indicted Senator Bilbo improperly used his high office as United States Senator for personal gain in his dealings with war contractors.

In a letter to all Senators and in a statement prepared by his attorney, Forrest B. Jackson, he denied wrongdoing and called on his colleagues to keep open minds. He asserted that a careful reading of the record will show that all charges of personal gain, impropriety or violation of the law are baseless.

The War Investigating Committee's inquiry into Senator Bilbo's activities is being turned over to Attorney General Clark, Chairman Kilgore disclosed. Senator Bilbo said he has no objection.

(See BILBO, Page A-5.)

James J. Davis May Be Aide to Senator Langer

James J. Davis, former Republican Senator from Pennsylvania and onetime Secretary of Labor, may become administrative assistant to Senator Langer, Republican of North Dakota, it was learned today.

Senator Langer told a reporter "I can't say anything about it right now but I'll have something to say tomorrow morning."

Mr. Davis could not be reached immediately for comment.

The position of Administrative Assistant, created by the Congressional Reorganization Bill, pays up to \$10,000 a year.

Mr. Davis, who is 73, was born in Wales but at an early age moved with his family to Pittsburgh. He was elected to the Senate for a short term in 1930 and was reelected in 1932 and 1938. He was defeated in a bid for reelection in 1944 by Francis K. Myers.

Halleck and Rayburn to Lead Parties at Opening Session

Texan Elected Despite His Objections; Dirksen Steps Aside in Favor of Indianan

By Gould Lincoln

This morning and promptly accepted. Mr. Rayburn previously had said he did not wish to become minority leader, and that he would support Representative McCormack of Massachusetts, majority leader in the House chamber when the new Congress opens tomorrow—the first as majority leader and the latter as minority leader.

Mr. Halleck's election as majority leader, at a Republican House caucus this afternoon, became a certainty today when Representative Dirksen of Illinois withdrew as a candidate. Representative Brown of Ohio previously had withdrawn.

A fourth candidate, Representative Jenkins of Ohio, is still in the race, his office said today, but Mr. Halleck is expected to win out at the caucus.

Mr. Rayburn, who continues as Speaker of the House until the Eightieth Congress convenes tomorrow at noon, was elected minority leader at a Democratic House caucus

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An eleventh-hour drive by the Texas delegation to draft Mr. Rayburn for the leadership, which had gathered speed rapidly during the last two days, apparently persuaded him to change his mind.

Mr. McCormack, whose attitude had been consistently that he would not seek the minority leadership if Mr. Rayburn desired it or would consent to accept, placed Mr. Rayburn in nomination for minority leader at the caucus, and he was elected unanimously.

Other officers elected by the Democratic caucus were Representative Foran of Rhode Island, caucus chairman; Representative Mary T. Norton of New Jersey, secretary, and (See CONGRESS, Page A-4.)

House Probers Report Chinese Take Demand For U. S. Withdrawal To Chiang and Envoy

List of New York Unions And Corporations Sent To Attorney General

By the Associated Press

The House Campaign Committee today reported "widespread violation" of the election laws and sent to the Justice Department a list of unions and 11 corporations it said had made campaign contributions which "appear" to violate the Corrupt Practices Act.

In its final report of an investigation of the November 5 congressional election, the committee also asserted the Communist Party had failed to file a report of receipts and expenditures as required of political parties. Attorney General Clark was asked to look into the matter.

There also was evidence, the committee said, that some of the congressional candidates themselves violated the law by failing to file required reports of their expenditures. The candidates were not named.

The list of unions whose names were turned over to the Attorney General contained 58 specific cases of contributions ranging from \$250 to \$5,000, and totaling about \$50,000. In some cases the unions made several contributions either to the Greater New York Political Action Co-ordinating Committee or the New York County American Labor Party Campaign Committee.

"World Government" Gifts. The corporations, most of them in New York, were listed as having contributed to "Americans United for World Government."

Chairman Priest told a reporter the committee had asked the Justice Department to take whatever action it believes necessary.

Mr. Priest said the unions and corporations were cited to the department for violating the law prohibiting any corporation or labor organization from making a contribution in connection with a national election.

Union Contributions Listed. The following unions were cited by the committee as making contributions to the greater New York Political Action Co-ordinating Committee: Laundry Workers Joint Board, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, \$610; New York Joint Board of the ACWA, \$5,000; New York Clothing Workers, ACWA, \$1,350; Laundry Drivers Local 324, ACWA, \$150; Local 72, ACWA, \$24; Local 284, ACWA, \$250; Local 250 and 253 New York, ACWA, \$800; Local 158, New York, ACWA, \$250; Local 340, ACWA, \$500; Local 238, ACWA, \$444; Local 430 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, \$500; Dyer Act Workers, \$600; Packing House Workers of America, \$151; Joint Council No. 13, Shoe Workers.

(See ELECTIONS, Page A-2.)

Dixie Tighe Is Buried In Yokohama Cemetery

By the Associated Press

TOKYO, Jan. 2.—Dixie Tighe, New York Post correspondent who covered all of the world's battlefronts the past five years, was buried in a Yokohama cemetery late today. She died Tuesday of a brain hemorrhage.

Two men were killed outright, five, including one girl, were seriously injured.

One student made a 30-mile journey to a sheep ranch with news of the disaster. He arrived exhausted, but left with a rescue party late last night. Another party, with medical aid and stretchers, left today.

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Demonstrating Students To Carry Petition To Gen. Marshall Tomorrow

By the Associated Press

NANKING, Jan. 2.—One thousand Chinese students today carried their demands for ouster of American servicemen from China to the United States Embassy and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's headquarters.

They said they would march to the home of Gen. George C. Marshall, American peace envoy to China, and to the Chinese Foreign Office tomorrow with their demands.

Chanting "Americans go home" and ignoring a Ministry of Education order banning such parades, the students carried petitions to Gen. Chiang's headquarters and the United States Embassy.

U. N. Council Aid Asked. The petitions demanded withdrawal of American troops from China, and requested that the United Nations Security Council order American troops moved, and that full details of the alleged criminal attack on a Peiping girl by two American Marines be published.

United States Ambassador John Leighton Stuart was absent, but Minister Walton Butterworth received the paraders' chairman and the petition. He gave the students Dr. Stuart's reply.

"United States Marine authorities are proceeding with the case as rapidly as the demands of justice and a democratic trial will permit."

In Peiping, Marine officials are preparing to put the charges before a court-martial. They said, however, that the Chinese police have not co-operated in the investigation; that one Marine denies any relations with the girl and the other insisted he had relations with her on a professional basis.

Demand Reds Also Leave. Some students at Central University, Nanking's largest, participated in a mass meeting to demand the withdrawal of Soviet troops from China, which the treaty specified should be administered jointly by the Russian and Chinese governments.

Shanghai was relatively calm today. (See CHINA, Page A-28.)

Three Students Are Killed Climbing New Zealand Alps

By the Associated Press

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Jan. 2.—Twenty-three students caught by a heart-breaking accident in the mountains of New Zealand's Southern Alps are spending their second night with about 20 miles of glaciers and rugged country between them and safety.

Five of the four girls in the party slipped near the summit of High Saddle. The whole snowfall was carried away, plunging the roped party down the mountainside.

Two men were killed outright, five, including one girl, were seriously injured.

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Palestine Terror May Force War, British Fear

Military Operations Held Alternative to Immediate Solution

By the Associated Press

LONDON, Jan. 2.—A government source said today Britain was faced with the necessity of finding an immediate, final solution in Palestine or conducting a full-scale military operation to maintain her mandatory position in the Holy Land.

"Civility, the situation is out of hand," the source said. "And if Irgun Zvai Leumi carries out its threat (broadcast yesterday) to launch a new 'offensive' against Britain's armed forces, it may become necessary to proclaim martial law in certain parts of the country."

Martial law would suspend courts and civil administrations.

As the informant outlined the situation, Foreign Secretary Sir Anthony Eden said that Secretary Arthur Creech Jones were believed to be considering two possible solutions to the Palestine problem.

First, and most favored, was formulation of a partition plan which would create independent Jewish and Arab states and allow Britain to exercise trusteeship control over certain sacred areas.

The second was for Britain, failing successful partition, to seek an international solution through the United Nations. Strong support was said to exist for this course among some high Whitehall officials—and by Winston Churchill.

Threats Always Carried Out. Explaining why a "small-scale war" might be necessary for Britain to maintain herself in the Holy Land, the government source said in the past Irgun threats of terrorism had always been carried out.

He added that it was impossible to exaggerate the extent to which feeling among troops in Palestine was aroused by Sunday's floggings of four Britons. In many areas men had to be confined to their barracks for fear they would carry out their own reprisals.

"Another 'incident' may blow the lid of Palestine and anything might happen," he said.

Recourse to the United Nations presumably would involve British surrender of the Palestine mandate, held for nearly 24 years. The government source said the Palestine situation was seriously affecting the security of the Suez Canal, the stability of the Middle East.

He said everything possible would be done to bring the Jewish Agency into the London conference due to be resumed January 21.

Desires to Protect Canal. Informed diplomatic observers said Britain's preference for partition was based on her desire to protect the security of the Suez Canal and of oil pipelines which terminate in Haifa.

The British cabinet was summoned to its second meeting in three days.

Matters appeared to have been brought to a head by the failure of efforts to bring Jewish representatives to round table conferences with Arab leaders here and by recent developments in Palestine—which have included the flogging of British soldiers and the killing of a Jewish underground member.

An official British source said yesterday that the government was ready to give "full and serious consideration" to proposals to divide Palestine into Jewish and Arab states. The source added that information had been received that many Arab leaders were willing to listen to such a plan.

Mr. Jones was expected to sound out David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency, and Neftali Herzberg, his secretary, today.

His views on partition at a scheduled conference today.

The urgency which the government attaches to the Palestine situation was underlined by a news that Sir Alan Cunningham, high commissioner for Palestine, will arrive here by air tomorrow to report on affairs in the Holy Land. Lt. Gen. Sir Evelyn Barker, British commander in chief in Palestine, also was reported en route to London.

DC-3, Engine Dead, Lands Safely With 17 Aboard

By the Associated Press

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Jan. 2.—With 14 passengers and 3 crew members, a DC-3 airplane—Central Airlines—landed safely after one of its engines became disabled.

Capt. W. Lerow, who had piloted the plane over Allentown earlier in the day on a flight from Newark to Pittsburgh, brought his ship in for a perfect landing, although a fire truck and ambulances were standing by for any eventuality.

The pilot reported the plane had encountered strong head winds after leaving Altoona, about 150 miles to the west. A co-pilot and stewardess also were aboard.

Eden and Bracken Arrive Aboard Queen Elizabeth

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The Cunard liner Queen Elizabeth, completing an Atlantic crossing marred by high winds and rough seas, docked in New York Harbor yesterday with 2,261 passengers.

The giant liner's passenger list carried the names of many dignitaries, including Brendan Bracken, former First Lord of the British Admiralty; Anthony Eden, Britain's wartime Foreign Secretary, and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress.

Mr. Bracken arrived for a visit with Bernard M. Baruch on the Baruch plantation at Georgetown, S. C.

Mr. Eden said he and his wife and their 16-year-old son, Nicholas, would leave today for a vacation in Trinidad.

Rabbi Wise was returning from the World Zionist Congress at Basel, Switzerland.

The man whose arrest they

brought about was booked by police as Martin G. Geldner, 30, of the 3500 block of T street N.W. He told police he was a housepainter and the father of two children under 2 years of age.

Arraigned before United States Commissioner Needham C. Turner today, Geldner pleaded not guilty to charges of robbery and was ordered held for grand jury action in \$5,000 bond.

The four quick-thinking youths wrote an end to what police said was Geldner's career of crime extending back to June. The boys were on their way to a neighborhood movie when they saw a man scuffling with a colored woman in the 1600 block of Avon place N.W. Victim of the attempted robbery



And He Seems to Enjoy It, Too.

Airliner Hits House; 2 Occupants and 16 Aboard Craft Hurt

Head of Vaudeville Unit, John Calvert, Was Pilot; 3 Children Escape

By the Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 2.—Eighteen persons were injured last night when a DC-3 two-engine airplane, groping its way into Nashville's fog-bound airport, crashed into a dwelling.

Two occupants of the dwelling were hurt, and the 16 occupants of the plane, members of a vaudeville troupe, were injured.

The plane was piloted by John Calvert of Hollywood, a magician and head of the troupe.

(Mr. Calvert has appeared several times at Washington's Capitol Theater.)

Mrs. Birdie Hill, who was visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Sider, when the plane struck the Sider residence, was seriously injured. Jeanette Sider, her 4-year-old granddaughter, was cut on the face.

3 Children Escape Injury. Most seriously injured of those in the plane were Mr. Calvert, and Clifford Jones of Birmingham, Ala. Both suffered broken legs.

Three other Sider children escaped injury when the plane rumbled into the rear of the home and demolished the kitchen in which the man entered, he told reporters. From his hiding place behind a liquor cabinet, Pvt. Davis said he saw the bandit make a threatening gesture, with his hand in his pocket, to the other, Benjamin Yalom, who was the only person in the store.

"This is a holdup! Put up your hands!" the man said, according to Pvt. Davis and Mr. Yalom. The policeman, a former Army captain who fought in Italy with the 92nd "Buffalo" Division, left his hiding place, hurried around to the man and ordered him to surrender, he said.

Policeman Fires One. The bandit started to scuffle with him, Pvt. Davis continued. The policeman drew his service revolver and fired one shot, he told reporters. The holdup man fell seriously wounded with a bullet in his left side, just below the shoulder. A search revealed the man was not armed.

He was rushed to Casualty Hospital, where aides gave his name as Ernest Lawson, 21, colored, of the 2100 block of Eighth street N.W.

Mr. Yalom told police the man robbed his store of \$480 at 2 a.m. December 23. It was this holdup which caused police to set "plants" in case the bandit would return.

Pvt. Davis said he had been in the store only 30 minutes when the attempted robbery took place.

Lt. Robert V. Murray of the Detective Bureau's robbery squad told reporters the man answers the description of a suspect sought for holding up two Nisei grocers twice (See HOLDUP, Page A-28.)

4 D.C. Boys' Daring Chase Leads To Capture of Holdup Suspect

By the Associated Press

Four teen-age schoolboys were credited today with the capture of a holdup suspect Saturday night and the subsequent solution of nine cases of robbery and three other attempted robberies.

Neighborhood chums for years, the four are David Martin, 14, of 3020 Dent place N.W.; Robert Fain, 16, of 1665 Avon place N.W.; William Disney, 16, of 3042 R street N.W.; and Bernard Studds, 15, of 1658 Avon place N.W.

For their daring and enterprise, Maj. Harvey G. Callahan, police superintendent, will honor the boys in a ceremony at his office at 10 a.m. Saturday. To each he will present a \$25 reward and a police courtesy card.

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(See CHASE, Page A-4.)

WAA Assailed In Report Urging End of Priorities

Probe Finds 'Sloppy Business, if Not Downright Corruption'

Accusing the War Assets Administration of "sloppy business methods" and "favoritism, if not downright corruption," the House Surplus Property Committee today recommended that Congress eliminate priorities for purchase of all property except real estate, exempting only Government agencies buying for their own use.

The committee called on Congress "to police the general policy" on surplus property operations in the future. It recommended the House send a successor committee. The report sharply assailed earlier handling of the sale of war goods in strong language, but said that Robert M. Littlejohn, War Assets administrator, now is conducting the big job "in far more efficient manner" than when the committee first began its investigations last July.

Reviews Long Inquiry. The committee, headed by Representative Slaughter, Democrat, of Missouri, who was defeated for reelection, issued a 75-page report, reviewing its investigation, which included 57 hearings. Four of the five members signed the report, but Representative Rooney, Democrat, of New York disagreed with some of the findings and will file a separate report later.